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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION SHORTAGES AT SOUDA BAY

REFS: (A) STATE 187196 (B) STATE 188407

1. THE COMMANDER OF US NAVAL INSTALLATION AT SOUDA BAY INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY THAT NY TIMES CORRESPONDENT STEVEN ROBERTS THIS MORNING RAISED ISSUE OF AMMUNITION SHORTAGE. COMMANDER GAVE "NO COMMENT" ANSWER AND SUGGESTED ROBERTS CONTACT EMBASSY.

2. SHORTLY THEREAFTER ROBERTS CONTACTED EMBASSY DIRECTLY AND WAS ANSWERED WITH REPLY AGREED UPON FOR PRESS GUIDANCE IN REFTELS (A) AND (B). HE WAS REFERRED TO THE GREEK GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

2. FYI: ROBERTS HAD BEEN IN CRETE SINCE LAST WEEKEND TO DO A GENERAL STORY ON US INSTALLATIONS THERE. HE INTERVIEWED SOUDA BAY COMMANDER SATURDAY AND DID NOT THEN RAISE AMMUNITION QUESTION. ROBERTS TOLD EMBASSY TODAY THAT HE HAD ONLY JUST RECEIVED QUERY ON AMMO FROM NY TIMES HEADQUARTERS. WE ARE ADVISING MFA THAT ROBERTS HAS RAISED QUESTION AND THAT WE HAVE RESPONDED ALONG LINES OF PRESS

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